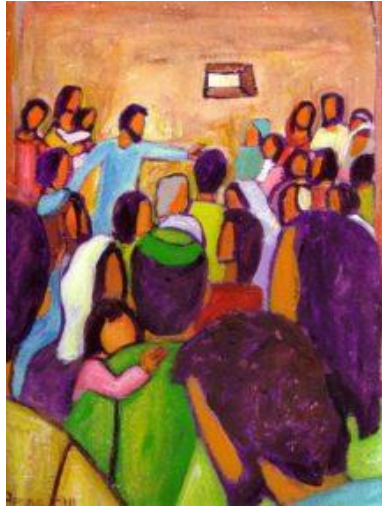


# ***THEY WERE NOT STUPID***



The Bible is the witness of people who had encounters with God over long centuries.

People like we are.

Their “technology” was primitive.

No smart phones.

No computers.

No rockets to the moon.

But they were not stupid.

In many areas they were way ahead of us.

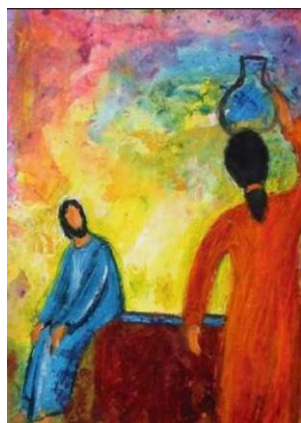
Many of them had a grasp of reality that surpasses ours.

Peter was a rough fisherman, but he knew when he was in the presence of the HOLY.

***“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”***

The woman at the well had no running water, no indoor plumbing. Things were primitive.

But she was smart enough to recognize the truth.



**The wisdom of Eternity burned in their ancient hearts.**

**They had vision.**

**They found the door to the kingdom and entered it.**

***At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will."***

**Matthew 11**

It is helpful to see the people we encounter in the scripture as contemporaries.

The Spirit wipes away time and distance and connects us with Andrew and Matthew and Mary Magdalene, and Martha.

Jesus is as close to them at this moment *as he is to us*.

All the basic problems they faced we face.

All the temptations that came to them come to us.

If they could walk by faith, *so can we*.

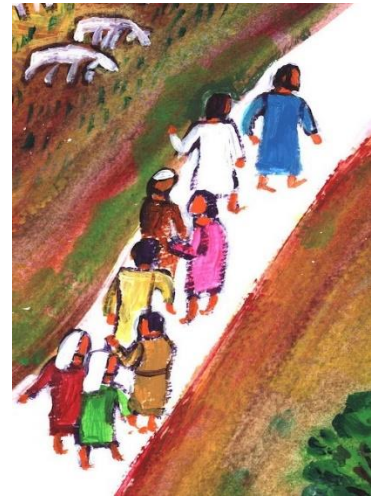
If they could live lives of forgiveness, *so can we*.

If they walked in the light of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, *so can we*.

**All we have to do is listen to the Master.**

**And walk with him,**

**as they did.**



*Prayer: Lord, we confess that we allow technology and the access to vast amounts of information to distract us from the knowledge and presence of you, the Eternal One. Oh Lord, help us to seek the wisdom of eternity like the early disciples did. Help us to stop stupidly ignoring your holiness and seeking this trivial knowledge. Nothing, no technology, no information, compares with you and the truth of who you are and your way. May we recognize the truth of how awesome, majestic and holy you are. May this vision of you... lead us to pursue you with all we have, convict us to live lives of forgiveness, inspire us to live the truth of your perfect teachings, and yes Master never stop listening to your voice.*

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